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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council stipulates that at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission shall elect from among the representative of its members a Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen and such other officers as may be required.

At most of its past sessions, the Commission has elected a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur or Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

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2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure requires that after the election of its officers at the beginning of each session, the Commission shall adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development

The Commission will review progress made in the implementation and follow-up of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, and will consider at each of its sessions issues relating to the enabling environment for social development, the special situation of Africa and the least developed countries, the enhancement of social development goals in structural adjustment programmes, the mobilization of domestic and international resources for social development, and the framework for international, regional and subregional cooperation for social development.

(a) Priority theme: "Promoting social integration and participation of all people, including disadvantaged and vulnerable groups and persons"

The Commission will consider the following specific topics: (i) "Promoting social integration through responsive government, full participation in society, non-discrimination, tolerance, equality and social justice"; (ii) "Enhancing social protection, reducing vulnerability and enhancing employment opportunities for groups with specific needs"; and (iii) "Violence, crime and the problem of illicit drugs and substance abuse as factors of social disintegration". The Commission will also consider those specific topics from a gender perspective.

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

The Commission will consider a report on activities of the ad hoc Support Group on Ageing, review preparations for the International Year of Older Persons, and consider the report of the Secretary-General on different options for the future review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing.

Documentation

Report of the expert workshop on participation and social justice (E/CN.5/1998/2)

Report of the expert workshop on ways and means to enhance social protection and reduce vulnerability (E/CN.5/1998/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development: promoting social integration and participation (E/CN.5/1998/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on different options for the future review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing (E/CN.5/1998/5)

4. Provisional agenda for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its thirty-seventh session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted for its consideration.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission for Social Development (E/CN.5/1998/L.__)

5. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-sixth session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission reports to the Council on the work of each session.